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LOW JACK ON THE WANE.

CASE IS RAPIDLY DYING OUT IN INFECTED DISTRICTS.

ROUTED BY COLD WEATHER.

Normal Conditions Once More. Quarantines Lifted.

12 o'clock Tuesday only one new and two deaths from yellow fever reported from the New Orleans of health. All interest in the has about died out. The news-ers are paying but little attention confining themselves to simply official bulletins.

all the infected points the same nation of the disease is reported it is expected that the next cold will wipe out the pestilence en- Tuesday was bleak and cold. pects for a real cold spell are ex- ant, in anticipation of which the pants throughout the city are ring for a rush of business.

Montgomery board reports one case Tuesday in the suburbs. in the city and no deaths. Total to date, 129; deaths, 12.

complete record for Tuesday is follows:

	NEW CASES.	DEATHS.
Orleans.....	1	2
le.....	7	2
gomery.....	1	0
Bend, Mo.....	1	0
.....	1	0

Memphis Is Open.

A division passenger agent of the n Belt route has the following am from the general office at St.

Quarantine regulations have been odified that passengers passing gh Memphis from now infected and not stopping at Memphis e admitted to all points on our n Arkansas, except at Clarendon, l points in Texas through Texa, provided they are provided proper health certificates. We t present only operating our t trains out of Memphis."

DELBRIDGE IS DEFIANT.

the Suicide of His Brother Was Put Up Job.

les Delbridge, brother of Thomas dge, the Atlanta man who found ery grave at Lakewood some ago, returned to Atlanta from York Monday afternoon. He is dingly wrathful about certain alleas that have been made against concerning the Delbridge insur- and he gives a startling version mysterious death of his brother smacks of calmly premeditated e for insurance money.

bridge makes spicy charges t C. W. Moten, the father-in-law omas Delbridge, and Mary Del- e, the latter's wife. He says of these knew of Thomas Del- e's intention, and that Mr. Moten, ng this, aided the deceased in ng an insurance policy after his ad already been insured for a amount; that Tom left certain e in which he told how the in- ce money was to be divided, e have been found and destroyed. ridge also says he confidently es his brother suicided just to his family a sufficient sum for sustenance and says he has evidence to back his statement. reover, Delbridge claims he is ed to one-fourth of the insurance y virtue of an alleged agree- between his brother and him- lf months before the latter's hich he says he has not re-

THREE ONLY ESCAPED.

Bark From Newcastle Wrecked d Many of the Crew Drowned. ices of Tuesday from Valparaiso at the large British bark Cor- e, Captain Everett, from Newcas- S. W., July 13 last, which ar- there on September 18th and for Caleta Buena, has been ed.

on board were drowned except ates and the ship's carpenter. ip had registered tonnage of and carried a valuable cargo.

FORGER AT LARGE.

Has a Pouch For Breaking Out of Jail.

Thomas, the forger, made his e escape from the jail at Mem- Tenn., early Monday morning rding the bars of his cell and ards sawing the bars in the w in the rear of the jail.

was made himself famous by his us escapes from jail at Memphis t Chicago, and his subsequent age with Miss Fannie Ruther- of Minneapolis. Three other ers charged with minor offenses eaped after Thomas had made y clear.

STARVATION IN CUBA.

Women and Children are Dying by Hun- dreds On the Island.

The New York World's correspond- ent in Cuba writes from Havana as follows:

"You would sicken at the sight of the thousands of women and children starving to death in Cuba today. Filthy skeletons dying on bare, foul boards, mothers and children driven into the small towns by the Spanish soldiers in accordance with General Weyler's inhuman policy of 'concentration,' to starve the helpless de- pendents of the Cuban insurgents whom Spain's two hundred thousand soldiers cannot kill.

"Within a few hours' travel of the palace at Havana these helpless wo- men and children non-combatants are daily perishing by the hundred of starvation.

"The suffering is awful. It is worse than India's bubonic plague. The poor victims show the same awful emaciation, suffer the same pangs and die by the hundred under the eyes of the soldiers. I have seen mothers too weak to stand, trying to force non- existent milk from their breasts for other tiny skeletons among the dying ones, after their own young had per- ished.

"Well informed Cubans claim that 40 per cent of the peaceable inhabitants have already starved to death. The deaths from starvation alone have been nearly a thousand a day during this rainy season.

"Whether these figures are accurate or not, it is plain to any one that the whole rural population would be com- pletely exterminated in a few months if the Spanish policy were not changed.

CENTRAL WINS A VICTORY.

A Decision By Supreme Court of Great Importance.

A Washington dispatch says: The Georgia Central and the Alabama Mid- land railroads won a decided victory in the supreme court Monday morning. Justice Shiras, the member whose vote knocked out the income tax, ren- dered the decision:

First the courts of the interstate commerce commission cannot take in- to consideration competing water ways in determining short and long hauls, and second, that carriers should them- selves first determine the question of rates.

It was a fearful blow to the inter- state commerce commission, and cripples its power.

Justice Harlan dissented from the opinion of the court, and startled the court, as he usually does, when dis- senting in matters of corporation power. He said that congress intend- ed that the commission should have the power to regulate the roads. He said that this decision put the people and small towns and communities at the mercy of the railroads.

He said that for this and other ques- tions which were continually being settled to the advantage of corpora- tions, he wished to make his dissent emphatic.

DISPENSARY SALES SHORT.

Original Packages Reduce South Caroli- na's Whisky Receipts.

A special from Columbia, S. C., says: The dispensary board of control met Monday. The terrible inroads of the original package is made more manifest. Commissioner Vance's re- port shows a falling off in the sales of October as compared with the same month last year, of \$43,166.15, reducing receipts from \$135,000 to \$91,000. He says:

"Attribute this large difference to the competition of the original pack- age shops and the blind tigers, but principally to the low price of cotton and the general depressed financial condition of the country. It affords me pleasure to inform you that, not- withstanding this large difference in cash received, we have met promptly every obligation of the state dispen- sary when presented and that I now have \$20,000 ready to pay to the free school fund."

Colonel Jones offered a resolution that the committee pay to the state treasurer on November 9th \$25,000, on December 1st \$20,000 and on January 1, 1898, \$25,000.

Mr. Williams did not think the board would be justified in adopting that. If the money was on hand he was willing to turn it over the state treasurer, but promises of payments should not be made unless they could be kept.

HUNTER GETS A JOB.

Kentuckian Appointed by the President Minister to Guatemala.

The president, Monday, appointed W. Godfrey Hunter, of Kentucky, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Guatemala and Hon- duras.

Dr. Hunter is one of the leaders of the republican party in Kentucky. He was made himself famous by his us escapes from jail at Memphis t Chicago, and his subsequent age with Miss Fannie Ruther- of Minneapolis. Three other ers charged with minor offenses eaped after Thomas had made y clear.

POLICEMAN ASSASSINATED

A HIGHLY SENSATIONAL MURDER OCCURS IN ATLANTA, GA.

WELL KNOWN CITIZENS SUSPECTED

Former Proprietor of a Liquor House and His Assistants Arrested Under Charge of Suspicion.

At Atlanta, Ga., Monday night at ten minutes past 6 o'clock Policeman J. T. J. Ponder was shot and killed by a thief and an assassin.

This cold-blooded murder of the officer while he was on duty, the early hour of the evening and the fact that it occurred directly opposite the union depot, in the very center of the city, made the tragedy one of the most startling sensations that has occurred in Atlanta in several years.

The killing occurred in the whole- sale liquor house of Louis Steinau, at No. 44 Wall street, which had been closed during the day under attach- ment by the sheriff.

Just after the murder there was the wildest excitement in the neigh- borhood of the scene where the terrible crime had been committed, and sensa- tion after sensation followed the trag- edy so rapidly that the excitement for a while rose to fever heat.

The noise of the shooting, the dis- covery of the dying officer and very soon afterwards eight arrests were in- termixed with a number of officers and detectives seeking to ferret out the perpetrators of the murder.

Among the eight persons arrested during the evening suspected of hav- ing been implicated in the dastardly crime are L. Steinau, Julius Simon and Walter O'Quinn, all of whom were connected with Steinau's business and whose arrest is explained only on the theory that they desired to secure cer- tain papers or valuables in Steinau's place before the store was taken charge of by the receiver appointed by the court.

Just how the officer was killed can only be surmised by the facts as have so far been gathered about the tragedy. Some five or ten minutes before the shooting a man passing the front of the wholesale store saw either one or two men in the store and apparently at work in the small office which is partitioned off from the main body of the store.

Passing along the same way, Officer Ponder must have seen the men in the office. He was at the time stationed on the Wall street beat by the union depot. Knowing that the wholesale house of Louis Steinau had been closed by the sheriff in the morning, and that no one had any business in there working, he probably tried the front door, and finding it open, walked in.

Then followed a chase and the shoot- ing. Those who were in the store for no lawful purpose doubtless ran to the back of the store, having opened the rear doors for the purpose of hasty flight if discovered. The brave officer followed after the fleeing men and was fired upon.

Springing out of the door one of the thieves, knowing that he was in the dark, and that he was to be pursued and probably run down, turned and fired the fatal shot and then escaped into the darkness.

When the ball struck him Ponder went back toward the front of the store, and feeling that his life's blood was ebbing away, hastened to seek the aid of those who were the nearest to him.

In less than five minutes after he was shot he was dead.

THORN ON TRIAL.

With Mrs. Nock, He Is Charged With the Murder of Goldensuppe.

The trial of the barber, Martin Thorn, for the murder of William Goldensuppe was begun at New York Mon- day. The entire day was taken up in securing a jury, and much to the sur- prise of all those interested the efforts of the lawyers for the prosecution and defense were well rewarded, as twelve good men had been sworn to try the case when the hour for adjournment had been reached.

The trial began in the Queen's county courthouse, Long Island City, before Judge Wilmot M. Smith.

HAMPTON MAKES HIS REPORT.

Low Water Mark Reached In Railway Construction The Past Year.

General Wade Hampton, who has just been succeeded by General Long- street as commissioner of railroads, has submitted to the interior depart- ment his report for the past fiscal year.

He says that the year reached the low water mark of railway construc- tion. During the year thirty-four companies, with 5,441 miles of roads, passed into the hands of the courts, and fifty-eight others previously placed in receivership, were sold at fore- closure.

A steady improvement in railroad earnings during the first six months of the current year is noted.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

New Industries Established in the South During the Past Week.

Among the most important new in- dustries reported for the past week are the following: A flouring mill at Lebanon, Tenn.; gas works to cost \$60,000 at Newport News, Va.; the Tisdale Mining and Manufacturing Co., capital \$33,500, at Butler, Ga.; the Huguenot Mining and Milling Co., the Arctic Circle Mining Co., capital \$1,000,000, and the Grand Encamp- ment Mining and Milling Co., capital \$500,000, at Charleston, W. Va.; the Morgan County Cannel Coal Co., cap- ital \$25,000, at Frankfort, Ky.; the Carter Coal and Iron Co., capital \$100,000, at Pulaski, Va., and the Jackson- Meshier Mining Co., capital \$60,000, at Rome, Ga. The Peerless Clay Co., capital \$18,000, has been incorporated at Butler, Ga.; the New York Petro- leum Co., capital \$500,000, at Parkers- burg, W. Va.; and the Frost Cotton Oil Co., capital \$20,000, at Frost, Tex. A knitting mill will be erected at Bur- lington, N. C.; a rope and twine mill at Griffin, Ga.; a furniture factory at Lit- tle Rock, Ark.; a \$10,000 lumber mill at Hamilton, N. C.; a \$20,000 saw mill at Mineola, Ga., and a \$45,000 lumber mill at Vinton, La.

Other woodworking plants will be established at Brandford and Holley, Fla., Belair and Cordele, Ga., and El- kin, N. C.—Tradesman (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

CRANK SOUGHT M'KINLEY.

Spain's Note in The Cabinet—Relief For Whalers—Buck Heard From.

A Washington special says: A crank appeared at the white house Tuesday and demanded to see President Mc- Kinley. He said the president had not treated him right. He was so per- sistent that the police were ordered to arrest him. At police headquarters he said his name was Henry Rocket, of 1241 Fourth street, Southwest. There is no such name and address in the city directory.

The full text of Spain's reply to the Woodford note was read at the cabinet meeting Tuesday. Its tone was very pacific, instead of being at all warlike, was regarded by the cabinet as very satisfactory, and as calculated to allay any fear of a hostile outbreak.

The cabinet also gave consideration to the ice-bound Bering Sea whaling fleet. Two plans have been decided upon, one to send the Bear, from Seat- tle, which cannot be got ready for two weeks, and another to send the Thrash- er, a whaling vessel at San Francisco. United States Minister Buck at Tokio has cabled the department of state that the Japanese minister of foreign affairs resigned Saturday and that Baron Nishi has been appointed his successor.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR MEET.

Session of the General Assembly of Knights Begin at Louisville.

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor was called to order in Hiber- nian hall at Louisville, Ky., Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock by Grand Master J. B. Sovereign. Among the dele- gates were a number of the most promi- nent leaders in the movement in this country and abroad.

After the appointment of commit- tees on credentials, press, etc., the meeting adjourned until the afternoon. There was nothing done at the after- noon session.

The master workman was not ready to make his appointments, and as the committee on credentials and the com- mittee on finance were not ready to report, adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

NEGRO ASYLUM BURNED.

Colossal Structure at Milledgeville, Ga., Laid In Ashes.

The negro building of the Georgia state lunatic asylum in Milledgeville was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

The 700 patients in the building were saved by the most heroic work. At first there was a stampede, but by the cool and collected efforts of the attendants they were successfully con- fined in the walled asylum yard.

The negro building was capable of housing nearly a thousand. It covered two acres of ground and was built by act of the legislature in 1884.

Wales Is Fifty-Six.

The birthday of the prince of Wales was celebrated Tuesday with the usual flag hoisting, bell ringing and artillery salutes. He was born November 9, 1841.

LORD MAYOR'S DAY.

Londoners Honor Installation of New Mayor With Fitting Demonstrations.

A cable dispatch from London says: In spite of a thick drizzle and a heavy fog, the ancient custom of presenting the elected chief magistrate of London, Horatio David Davies, to the repre- sentatives of the sovereign and to the people, was observed Thursday with success. The usual throngs of people lined the route and the decorations were more ambitious than usual.

But in spite of the weather, a more stirring proof of the popularity of London's yearly pageant, known as the Lord Mayor's procession, has not been given in a long time.

MURDER IS NOW CHARGED

STEINAU, O'QUINN AND SIMON ARE JAILED AT ATLANTA.

HELD FOR MURDER OF PONDER.

Detectives and Police Officers Claim to Have Conclusive Evidence Against the Three Saloon Men.

An Atlanta special says: Louis Steinau, Walter O'Quinn and Julius Simon are now charged directly with the murder of Patrolman J. T. Pon- der, who was killed in Steinau's place on Monday night.

Warrants were sworn out for them Wednesday morning before Justice Foute, by Detective Looney, charging them with the murder. Until this was done the men were held on suspi- cion and no direct charge had been made against them.

Much additional evidence has been secured by the detective department. An immense amount of work was done Tuesday night by the officers on the case and before midnight new and most valuable information had been secured.

Slowly and with much difficulty the officers worked on their original theory, gradually securing evidence that gave it additional strength.

The evidence is circumstantial so far, but the officers claim that the most startling disclosures are yet to come. The coroner's investigation which was to have been held Wednes- day was postponed.

This was surprise the first, and when an hour later warrants were sworn out against Steinau, O'Quinn and Simon, the second surprise was sprung.

A highly sensational piece of evi- dence was found against O'Quinn by the detectives. A man has been found by the detectives who swears he was in the saloon of Simon when the shoot- ing was done in the place of Steinau. He says he started towards the rear of the saloon, and that a man ran into his arms. This man came from the rear of the saloon, and was running towards the front.

This man, the witness says, was Walter O'Quinn. He says he asked O'Quinn what was the matter, and he said: "Oh, they are shooting like h—ll in there."

This witness says he has known O'Quinn for years, and is positive that he came from the rear of the sa- loon in such a way as to make it ap- pear that he had just run in from the alley in the rear of the saloon.

The detective department is now un- doubtedly playing a deep game with the attorneys representing Steinau, O'Quinn and Simon.

Habeas corpus proceedings had been begun and as the men were only held on suspicion the writs taken out would probably have had some force. Now that warrants have been sworn out, making a definite charge of murder, an entirely different aspect is put on the case.

Captain W. P. Manly, chief of po- lice, made the following statement for publication:

"I believe Walter O'Quinn killed Ponder, and that Louis Steinau and Julius Simon were accessories to the crime before and after the fact. This, I believe, we will be able to prove. My men are hard at work and are rapidly clearing up the mystery surround- ing the tragedy. My belief is based on the facts now in my possession."

The three negroes, Charles Shrop- shire, Charles Strickland and Dave Crockett, who were arrested on suspi- cion of being connected with the murder, seems to have been lost sight of in the battle over the three white men. No warrants have been sworn out against them and no one has made an effort to have them released.

Julie Wyly, a well-known young man about town, who was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of knowing something of the murder, says he will be able to prove an alibi.

Remanded to Jail.

Late Wednesday afternoon Steinau, O'Quinn and Simon were remanded to the Fulton county jail by an order from Judge Lumpkin, of the superior court.

THE NOBLES CASE HEARD.

Fate of the Old Lady Now Rests With Uncle Sam's High Court.

The case of Elizabeth Nobles was heard before the supreme court at Washington Wednesday morninn. It was opened by Mr. Marion Harris.

Attorney General Terrell spoke for about the same length of time as it took Mr. Harris to review his brief. The whole point hinges on the right of a person to demand a trial by jury, after judgment has been passed for insanity.

The full court, with the exception of Justice Field, who is now too feeble to resume his seat on the bench, heard the case.

YELLOW JACK RETREATING.

Encouraging News From New Orleans, Mobile and Montgomery.

There is a big improvement in the yellow fever situation in New Orleans. The number of new cases Saturday were comparatively small and the re- cord of fatalities considerably lighter. Many recoveries from the disease were reported at the office of the board of health during the day and the people are convinced that the backbone of the fever has been broken, and in a very short time the plague will be ex- terminated altogether.

According to the board of health there was also a big decrease in the number of fever cases for Sunday, and the situation was still further im- proved. Very few places are now quarantined against New Orleans, and there has been a general revival in business.

Recapitulation: Cases of yellow fever Sunday, 13; deaths, 8; total cases of yellow fever to date, 1,742; total deaths from yellow fever to date, 236; total cases absolutely recovered, 940; total cases under treatment, 568.

A special from Mobile says: The number of new cases of yellow fever continues to fall off from last week's big average. The report for Sunday is the most favorable since the first week of the appearance of the fever—four new cases, no deaths and eighteen recoveries.

The report of the board of health of Montgomery Sunday was the most en- couraging since the beginning of the epidemic. There were no deaths and no new cases.

Pass Christian Modifies Quarantine.

At a meeting of the board of health of Pass Christian Sunday it was de- cided to admit persons holding certi- ficates from health officers from Atlanta, Ga., and all non-infected points. The action was taken so as to allow a number of anxious persons to get in, there hav- ing been no yellow fever in town during the present epidemic. The town is still maintaining a strict quarantine against all infected points and will not relax vigilance until there is absolutely no further danger.

Pass Christian is justly proud of her record, being the only town on the coast to escape the fever.

SEALING TREATY SIGNED.

United States, Russia and Japan Come to an Agreement.

A Washington special says: A con- ference between the United States, Russia and Japan, looking to the joint protection of the seals, was signed at the state department Saturday.

It will require the ratification of the senate to become effective.

The text of the treaty will not be given out by the state department un- til final ratifications are exchanged. It is said, however, by those concerned, that the general purposes of the treaty have been already outlined in the press and it is likely that all of further in- terest that remains in the document is the exact nature of the additional re- strictions that are to be imposed upon pelagic sealing.

Later in the afternoon the delegates again assembled at the state depart- ment and formally signed the proto- cols or records of the various phases of the negotiations leading up to the final agreement.

It is expected that the meeting of British and American experts will take place next week, according to the original programme, unless there should be some intervention from the British foreign offices, which is not anticipated. Meanwhile the British expert, Professor Thompson, who is now in Washington, will be acquaint- ed with what has already been accom- plished by the government of the United States, Russia and Japan, and with the terms of the treaty.

OFFICIALS UNDER ARREST.

Government Employees In Philadelphia Charged With Conspiracy.

A sensation was occasioned in polit- ical and official circles at Philadelphia, Saturday, by the placing in custody of several city and United States govern- ment employees of prominence, charged with conspiracy and the issuance of fraudulent naturalization papers.

The men arrested are Eugene Lind- sey, clerk in the city prothonotary's office; John Merrick, assistant clerk for the United States circuit court, and Richard Merrick, father of the latter, who is also a clerk for the United States circuit court. It is stated that other arrests will be made. It is said that naturalization papers were fur- nished signers for \$17 apiece, and that quite a number have been issued.

A STAUNCH CRAFT.

New Lighthouse Vessel Rides Worst Storm Known On Coast.

Information has been received by the lighthouse board at Washington that the new lighthouse vessel No. 69, which was recently placed on the dia- mond shoal off Hatteras, rode out the recent storm successfully.

Reports from stations along the coast show that the storm was the most severe in many years and the suc- cess with which the new vessel rode it out is regarded as proof positive that the contention that no vessel could be held in that position through a heavy gale is not well founded.